

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Jacob Richter et al. **Confirmation No.:** 1194  
**Serial No.:** 09/864,389 **Group Art Unit:** 3773  
**Filed:** May 25, 2001 **Examiner:** Bui, Vy Q.  
**Title:** LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE STENT

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 18, 2008 for the above-referenced application, applicant hereby submits this response. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the personal interview with Dorothy Auth and inventor, Dr. Richter on July 23, 2008. Based on the discussion with the Examiner during the interview, applicants believe that the amendments contained herein place the claims in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.